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to the Government. May I know from the Hon. the Minister whether the Government have taken any action on that Resolution? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister has already said that he received only a copy of the letter. I shall pass on to the next question."

New Elementary Education Scheme.

* 49 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the New Elementary Education Scheme will be introduced in all municipalities and major panchayats; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Modified Scheme of Elementary Education has already been introduced in the major panchayats with effect from the school year 1953–54. The introduction of the Scheme in the Municipal areas, with effect from the next school year, viz., 1954–55 is under the consideration of Government."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :—" இந்தத் திட்டத்தை முனிசிபாலிட்டிகளுக்கும், மற்ற இடங்களுக்கும் விஸ்தரிப்பதைப் பற்றி பொது ஜன அபிப்பிராயத்தைத் தெரிந்து கொள்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் எந்த விதமான முயற்சிகள் எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, generally, I thought, hon. Members speaking on the floor of the Assembly were expressing the views of the public to a certain extent and I am hearing from outside also so many representations."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, is the extension of the scheme to other areas based on the experience gained in those areas where it is at present working and if it is so, will the Government prepare a note on the subject and make it available to the Members? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the problem is slightly different with reference to urban areas. It requires a little bit of examination and that is being done."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that this Assembly has asked the Government not to implement the scheme any further—the Resolution was that the scheme should be stayed—will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is justifiable to extend the scheme further to major panchayats? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is a mere argument. But I may bring to the notice of this House that the Resolution was passed by a majority of two votes in the previous Assembly and if only we analysed the voting strength with reference to the present Assembly, we had a

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large majority for the Modified Scheme. However, that is not relevant. The matter is under the examination of the Government.''

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" சென்ற சட்ட சபைக் கூட்டத்தில் கனம் நிதி மந்திரி அவர்கள், " 'ஸ்டே' என்ற பதத்தின் பொருள் காரணமாகத்தான், நாங்கள், சட்ட சபை தீர்மானத்திற்கு மதிப்புக் கொடுக்கும் வகையில் இத்திட்டத்தை விஸ்தரிக்காமல் இருக்கிறோம்," என்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால், இப்பொழுது, முனிசிபாலிடிகளுக்கும், மற்ற இடங்களுக்கும் விஸ்தரிக்க போவதாகச் சொன்னார்கள். சென்ற சட்ட சபையில் நிச்சயமாகச் சொன்ன வார்த்தைகளை மனதிற்கொண்டு, அவர் ஆவன செய்வாரா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the Resolution was that the scheme should be stayed pending examination of the scheme by a committee. A committee was appointed and the committee has submitted its report. It is only in pursuance of that Resolution that the committee was appointed. Further examination of the matter is proceeding."

10·10 a.m. SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Have the Government consulted and obtained the opinion of local authorities—the City Corporation and the municipalities—in extending this particular scheme to urban areas? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I said that the matter is under examination of the Government. All necessary consultations are being made."

MR. SPEAKER :—" There is a Demand on this subject phortly coming up before the House and I have allotted four hours for that Demand. Therefore, I pass on to the next question."

Increase in the wages of Harijans under the National Extension Service.

* 50 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Hon. Minister for Agriculture gave any assurance at a public meeting held at Vellivur on 22nd October 1953, that the daily wages of the Harijans and other poor class people would be increased from nine pies to Rs. 3 under the National Extension Service; and

(*b*) if so, whether it has been given effect to by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The answer is an emphatic, No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, in view of the answer given by the Hon. Minister that he did not make such a statement in the public meeting, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether